

**WEST LAFAYETTE TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
**WEST LAFAYETTE CITY BUILDING**  
**WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA**

**TIME:** 5:00 pm, Tuesday, November 17, 2009

**PLACE:** Lower Level Conference Room

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Nick DeBoer	David Downey	Debbie Siciliano
	Dave Buck	Carrie Ehresman	Kumares Sinha
	Vicki Burch	Karen O'Farrell	Boudewijn van Gelder
	David Christian	Larry Preo	Larry Wood

<b>VISITORS:</b>	Beth Cook	Josh Nixon	Michael Thompson
	Wendy Field	Jim Pence	Gary Sparger
	Ann Hunt		

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

Chairman Sinha called the meeting to order and determined there was a quorum. Chairman Sinha asked for a correction to the September minutes. Item 09-18 should read "Sight" distance, not "Site" distance. Ms. Burch made a motion to approve the September minutes as corrected. Mr. van Gelder seconded and the minutes were approved as corrected.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**08-09 Idling Buses**

Mr. Buck stated he sent a letter to Citybus on October 14<sup>th</sup> requesting they limit their idle time to five minutes.

**08-03 Safe Routes to School**

The city should have the final draft of the Safe Routes to School plan by early December. Any commission members who would like an electronic copy of this can contact the Engineer's office. Mrs. Siciliano asked if there has been any update on the Ravinia sidewalk. Mr. Buck responded that the SRTS plan does address sidewalk issues and will be used as a tool in prioritizing the installation and repair of sidewalks surrounding the schools.

**09-07 Speed Hump Request, Park Ridge Drive**

Volume and speed counts on Park Ridge Drive do not meet the warrants for speed humps at this time.

**09-19 Request 4-way Stop, Williams & Chauncey**

The Engineer's office will work on measuring sight distance for this intersection. Mr. Buck stated that he will also need to review the Purdue Transportation Plan to make sure there are no changes to this intersection through that project.

## **09-20 Request Crash Study, Soldiers Home Road at the “S” Curve**

Crash reports have been collected but not analyzed. Mr. Downey stated there has been a recent crash at this location.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

## **09-21 Request for Road Closure, Third Street between Russell and Waldron**

Jim Pence and Josh Nixon, on behalf of Purdue University, have requested to close Third Street between Russell and Waldron. This closure would be from May 17<sup>th</sup> to July 30<sup>th</sup> and is necessary to repair an existing utility tunnel under Third Street. The project would be completed in two phases.

During Phase 1, parking on the east side of Russell Street will be eliminated and Waldron will become a two-way with no parking. Fourth Street, which is a one-way westbound now, will become a one-way eastbound. During Phase 2, parking on the west side of Russell Street will be eliminated and Waldron will remain a two-way with no parking. Fourth Street will remain one-way eastbound. Eastbound Third to southbound Russell will be accessible to emergency vehicles at all times.

Sidewalks along Third Street will be closed during both phases of the project. Signage will be installed at both ends of Third to notify pedestrians of this closure. Mr. Buck asked Mr. Nixon if Purdue will “put back” the intersection of Russell and Third to its original condition or better. Mr. Nixon stated that they would. Mr. Nixon also confirmed that Purdue will be notifying property owners that parking will be removed along Russell. Mr. Buck asked if construction from other projects will overlap this project. Mr. Buck will discuss with Mr. Knapp.

Ms. O’Farrell made a motion to approve the closing of Third Street, from Russell to Waldron, from May 17<sup>th</sup> to July 30<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Siciliano seconded and the motion passed.

## **09-22 Request for Handicapped Parking – Panera**

There is a citizen request for an additional handicapped parking space in front of Panera. Mr. Buck stated that Wabash Landing currently meets the minimum requirements for accessibility. A study will need to be made to determine usage of the current handicapped spaces. Mrs. Ehresman asked if business owners would be contacted before any parking change would be made. Parking is at a premium at that location and business owners would not want to leave open spots. Mr. Buck stated he would bring a “more educated” opinion to the commission at a later date.

## **09-23 Request for Speed Hump – Chauncey Hill Mall Alley**

Kirby Property Management has requested the city install a speed hump in the alley behind Chauncey Hill Mall. According to the management group, vehicles are speeding in this alley. Currently this alley is a one-way eastbound, but is commonly used as a two-way. Mrs. Ehresman stated that this alley is the main delivery source for restaurants in this mall and delivery trucks may have a problem with a speed hump. Mr. Downey suggested adding directional signage and looking at making the intersection of Pierce and the alley a 4-way stop. Chairman Sinha suggested we talk to Kirby and the restaurants in the mall before we make a recommendation.

## **09-24 State Street Barricades**

Chairman Sinha asked for an update on the State Street barricades. He stated that he felt they were very successful and asked if they would be considered as a permanent solution on busy campus weekends. Mr. Buck stated that they are evaluating feedback and looking at factors such as increased pedestrian safety and increased traffic back-up. Lieutenant Sparger stated that the police missed the barricades during the Michigan State game, and reported that there were more pedestrians in the road. Mr. Buck stated that the city may use the feedback to take to INDOT and request ladder-style crosswalks and/or wider sidewalks.

## **09-25 Spillover Effect of NPP 2-hour Parking**

Mr. van Gelder brought to the commission a concern about parking in the neighborhood north of Meridian between Grant and Salisbury. Mr. van Gelder stated that this neighborhood has slowly become a long-term parking lot for Purdue commuter traffic. Vehicles are parking in front of mailboxes and walkways making mail delivery impossible on most days. USPS recommends fifteen feet of mailbox clearance in order for them to deliver mail. Mr. van Gelder has asked that the commission make a recommendation to the council that an ordinance be added to city code that restricts parking in front of mailboxes and walkways. Mr. Buck stated that we should research if other college communities have a similar ordinance, and also research how many parking spaces would be affected by this kind of a change. Mrs. Hunt was concerned that this kind of an ordinance could affect visitors on game days. She felt that it would not be very "business friendly" to ticket vehicles under this suggested ordinance on game days.

**NEXT MEETING:** 5:00 pm, Tuesday, January 19, 2010

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D.M. Buck", written in a cursive style.

David M. Buck, P.E.  
City Engineer

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